

## RUSH TROOPS TO KITCHENER.

Heavy Reinforcements to Embark at Once for Africa.

## ALARM NOW FOR GREENFELL

Reports that Delarey Attacked Second British Column Cause Uneasiness.

LONDON, March 11.—The War Secretary, Mr. H. H. Asquith, when asked in the House of Commons today what steps had been taken in view of the success of the Boers against Gen. Methuen, to send Lord Kitchener reinforcements, said 6,000 Yeomanry would be immediately embarked, with large drafts of cavalry and infantry.

Lord Kitchener would be given all the assistance he asked for. The reports from the continent that the defeat of Gen. Methuen was followed up by another fight, also favorable to the Boers, occasion some anxiety, owing to the absence of news from Gen. Greenfell's column of 1,500 men, which left Kierksdorp to join Gen. Methuen. It is thought that possibly Gen. Delarey may have attacked Greenfell.

Expressions of steadfastness have today succeeded those of humiliation which were universally heard here yesterday on the publication of the news of Gen. Methuen's disaster.

There is little disposition to minimize the incident, but everywhere are heard and read the determination to maintain the tradition that blows serve to strengthen and stiffen British resolution. Lord Rosebery struck the popular note today in a speech before the Glasgow students. He admitted that it was heart-breaking after all the expense of life, time and money, but he added: "It will not dishearten us. We have got to see this thing through. We must take the blows which fortune deals us with equanimity, showing ourselves worthy of better fortune."

## GERMAN SYMPATHY FOR LORD METHUEN

BERLIN, March 11.—In the Prussian Diet today the Foreign Secretary, Baron von Richthofen, after reading the answer of the British Government permitting the delivery of German military gifts to the Boers in the South Africa concentration camps, under the surveillance of the camp authorities, declared that the reply guaranteed a just distribution and added:

The English and German nations are connected by ties of blood, race and friendship. They are cousins who may again find themselves side by side. Gen. Methuen deserves our complete sympathy. As Military Attaché to the British Embassy in Berlin he enjoyed the esteem of the Emperor's William and Frederick.

Continuing, Baron von Richthofen said: "I have read descriptions of the prisoners' camps which made my hair stand on end. A few days ago Gen. Von Troth, who from his own experience, was in a position to report on the matter, was at my house. He said to me: 'I consider it my duty, and authorize you to use my name, to declare that I found the prisoners' camps in excellent order. The former German officer in the camps had only a single complaint—that there was not sufficient variety of food.'"

Baron von Richthofen concluded: "In my opinion the German people would not have suffered degradation if it had displayed some human sympathy, as, for instance, that which was shown to the severe wounding of Gen. Methuen."

## CAN KEEP WAR UP SAYS DELEGATES.

WASHINGTON, March 11.—C. H. Wessels and A. D. W. Wolmarans, the Boer delegates, called on President Roosevelt today to say good-bye.

They repeated that they never sought intervention by any power, but only desired to have fair play.

"We are confident we can keep this war up for two or three years yet," they said.

## CABINET FACES AN IRISH CRISIS.

LONDON, March 11.—The British Cabinet took up the Irish question in earnest today.

The situation in Ireland amounts to a crisis, the gravity of which has been confessed in the recent public speeches by Lord Salisbury and other members of the Government.

The Secretary for Ireland, Mr. George Wyndham, came over from Dublin today especially to attend the Cabinet council, and A. J. Balfour, who has been ill, made it a point to be present. Mr. Balfour is regarded as an expert in Irish affairs.

Nothing was known in the House of Commons up to 5:30 P. M. of the results of the Cabinet meeting. John Redmond and other Irish leaders had expected information on the subject, but they received no intimation as to what transpired.

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## TENANTS FLEE FROM FIRE.

Flames Extinguished After Assistant Janitor Was Overcome.

A fire in the flat building at Nos. 3133 and 3135 Broadway, this afternoon, sent the tenants panic-stricken into the street, most of them struggling frantically under their most valuable possessions.

## DR. GIRDNER SHAKES STORY OF HOW JONES KILLED RICE.

Chloroform Expert Declares It Impossible to Pass a Person from Natural to Chloroform Sleep Without Awakening Subject.



CAPT. HENRY AND MISS EMMA PATRICK.  
Father and sister of Albert T. Patrick listen to testimony at his trial.

After hours of cross-examination, Dr. James Ewing, Professor of Pathology at Cornell, was still firm in the opinion this afternoon that William M. Rice died from natural causes.

The aged millionaire, he said, was afflicted with pneumonia, congestion and oedema of the lungs. His testimony was the most important given for the defense so far. It fully bears out the evidence of Dr. Curry, who attended Mr. Rice in his last illness, and who was the first witness for the defense in the trial of Albert T. Patrick on the charge of murder.

Dr. Ewing was followed on the stand by Dr. John H. Girdner, of New York. Dr. Girdner said he had tried thirty-two times to pass a person from a natural sleep to a chloroform sleep and had failed to do so without awakening the subject.

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## DIGELOW'S YACHT LAUNCHED

Two Million Girls Christen Quarter-Billion-Dollar Pantoset.

BATH, Me., March 11.—The Pantoset, the yacht built for Commodore A. S. Digelow, of the Eastern Yacht Club, of Boston, has been successfully launched and will be ready to go into commission about June 1.

The yacht was christened by two Boston young women, Miss Gladys Williams and Miss Helen Harding, one cutting the cord and releasing the trigs and the other breaking the champagne over the bow. The Pantoset, when completed, will cost nearly a quarter of a million dollars and will be flagship of the Eastern Yacht Club.

## \$250,000 FIRE IN PARIS.

PARIS, March 11.—The biggest fire in Paris since the burning of the opera Comique in 1875 occurred last night in a block of warehouses in the Rue Montmartre.

The flames spread rapidly to the upper portions of the building, which were used as residences. Four occupants were seriously injured. The damage is estimated at \$250,000.

of vital organs such as the kidneys, which showed symptoms of senile degeneration. Dr. Ewing, however, obstinately refused to make the young physician's evidence, and showed the jury that Mr. Rice had not died from natural causes.

In his witness, Dr. Ewing, the Assistant District Attorney met his Waterloo, and he became rather indignant. There were but few people in the courtroom this morning. Expert testimony brought brightness into the case. There were only two women present. One of them was Miss Emma Patrick. She brought brightness into the case. A large hat with purple trimmings shadowed her face. Her waist was colored. A pink ribbon encircled her throat. She wore white gloves.

No Intervening Cause of Death.

In a question of great length, detailing everything relating to Mr. Rice's condition and the circumstances surrounding his death, Dr. Ewing asked: "Was there any intervening cause for Mr. Rice's death between his attack on the night of his death and the moment of death?"

There was nothing intervening before the question was asked. Mr. Rice's condition was such that he could not have survived. He was severely shocked by the testimony of the noted scientist, but failed.

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## HOUSE RESENTS CUBAN CHARGES.

Resolution for Inquiry is Laid on the Table.

WASHINGTON, March 11.—Mr. Thayer (Mass.) cried a flurry in the House today by rising to a question of privilege, which he said involved the "dignity of the House and the safety of the members."

He presented a resolution setting forth many rumors regarding Cuban reciprocity, together with allegations that the Sugar Trust was to be the chief beneficiary of such reciprocity, that it was subsidizing newspapers, establishing literary bureaus and in other ways attempting to create public sentiment in favor of Cuban reciprocity.

## CLOSES LIGHT ON M'AUILLIFFE.

Commissioner Refuses to Open Police Blotter for Examination.

## CLOSELY GUARDS SECRET.

Records of Arrests Might Solve Mystery of Glennon Witness's Murder.

Commissioner of Police Partridge denied himself to reporters this morning, and when an interview on the McAuilliffe murder was sought he sent Col. Thurston, First Deputy Commissioner. As Col. Thurston was not wholly familiar with the case, as he admitted, he was able to do nothing more than bring in the old police standby: "We have not abandoned the case. We are still at work upon it."

He explained that the Commissioner was quite busy and said that he had been specially deputized to speak for Col. Partridge in a McAuilliffe interview. When asked if he was deputized because the Commissioner was busy or because the Commissioner wished to avoid a discussion of the case, Col. Thurston said he did not know.

Wait the Commissioner's Leisure.

As an expression of opinion from the Commissioner himself, as desired, Col. Thurston was informed that the reporter would have to wait Col. Partridge's leisure. But to this the reply was made that it would be of no use, that Col. Partridge would not be seen on the McAuilliffe matter.

However, said Col. Thurston, "Col. Partridge told me I could inform the reporters that he had refused to give access to the records of the policemen who were in the Forty-seventh street police station the night McAuilliffe was assaulted because he had been informed that The World would use the record as evidence against the men while he preferred to let The World furnish the evidence against the men and then the department could use the record. He has not changed his decision. The records are closed to the newspapers."

Furthermore, The World has undertaken to prove that McAuilliffe was murdered and to force responsibility on police officers and we prefer to let The World work out its own case.

Partridge Still at Work.

"I can say that Col. Partridge has not given up the case and is still working on it, but whether it is independent from the investigation being made by Inspector Harley I do not know."

"I have been with the Commissioner most of the morning and he has not expressed an opinion as to the \$1000 reward offered by The World for the solution of the case."

Inspector Harley also had the "still-working-on-the-case" report to make. He had nothing new and nothing which would change his previously expressed opinion that McAuilliffe had fallen down and had broken his skull in two places.

"You see, I always do my work right up to the hilt," said the Inspector this morning, "and during the thirty-two hours I have been in the department never a word of information has passed me without the permission of my superior officer. See Col. Partridge."

The Inspector said he could say nothing about the case, but he would say that he and his father and mother-in-law on hand.

## PATRONS TO SOLVE CARE FOR CHILDREN OF THE STRICKEN BRIDGE PROBLEM.

COMMISSIONER WILL ASK RELIES TO QUESTIONS.

Boxes Will Be Furnished for Coupons with Answers and a Vote Taken.

Commissioner Lindenthal has a brand new scheme looking to the relief of the bridge. He is going to test public sentiment and let the people decide for themselves whether or not they will use the ferries or whether they prefer to be crushed and mauled at the Manhattan end of the bridge during the rush hours.

Within a few days the Commissioner will have a number of large boxes placed at the Manhattan end of the bridge.

He has prepared a number of questions that the newspaper men will be asked to print in the form of a coupon suitable for cutting out and dropping into the boxes.

The questions are as to the name and address of persons who live in Brooklyn and come to business houses in Manhattan during rush hours. They are to be asked whether they cross the bridge every day except Sundays, and whether they are men or women or children.

The questions are then asked if, with increased tolls on the ferries and abolition of bridges from the post office would save the bridge and use the boats.

The boxes will be left up until one day and one night, to be returned to 100 and the coupon and drop it in the box. Then the Commissioner will carefully count and attribute.

It is feared what proportion of the travelers who use the bridge south of Chambers street and how many persons crossing the bridge are in favor of the tolls. The Commissioner is confident that the tolls will be increased if the people are willing to take the ferries.

Mr. Newcomb, the introducer of the bill, made this known this afternoon. He says the bill could not be properly considered in what remains of the session.

## MASON-WILSON WEDDING IN BOWER OF WHITE BLOOMS.

Many New York Society People Among Guests at Boston.

BOSTON, March 11.—The wedding of Miss Marion Standish Mason of this city and Mr. Ronald T. Wilson, Jr., of New York, took place here last night in the Episcopal Church, Rivington William Lawrence officiating, assisted by Rev. Leighton Parks.

The bride was given away by her father, Mr. A. Lawrence Mason. She was attended by her maid of honor, an bridesmaid. A pretty feature of her costume was real orange blossoms procured for her in Norfolk Va.

It was a white wedding, with many characteristics of Easter. Great bunches of Easter lilies were used with white tulle ribbons, but very wide on all the ends of the new in the bride's train and on some of the side ways. The church rail was entirely hidden by white roses, while on either side of the altar in canopy effect were masses of lilies.

The New York guests were Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., Mrs. Tiffany, Miss Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. First Lt. James H. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Brexel, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund L. Bales, Mr. and Mrs. Francis R. Pendleton, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Main, Mr. and Mrs. R. Livingston Beckman, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wadsworth, Mr. W. H. Nelson, Mr. Charles E. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin, Mr. James W. Appleton, Mr. R. M. Cameron, Mr. Gilbert Franklin, Mr. Creighton Webb, Mr. Frank C. H. Hapgood, Mr. F. C. V. Hapgood.

## ALEX AND LOTTIE ARE WEDDED NOW.

YOUNGSTERS WHO RAN AWAY JOINED BY MINISTER.

The Court Has Promised to Condone West's Fault if Girl's Parents Consent.

It's going to be all right now. Alex and Lottie are married. The cruel law that would jail him for loving her will be discontinued.

A minister has already condoned the crime and a Judge has as good as promised to, so that the interrupted day dream of the young folks may now go on.

Two weeks ago Alexander West, seventeen years of age, ran away with Lottie Hewes, fifteen years of age. They loved each other dearly and went to Baltimore that they might be married.

But before they submitted themselves to this formality of society Lottie wrote an illegible letter home to her mother at No. 1015 Broadway street, Brooklyn, telling her where she and her ardent lover were.

That night the police arrested them both and Alexander was charged with abduction when he was taken to the city hall.

The girl was sent to her home and Alexander, when he was released on bail, went back to his father's house No. 46 Belmont avenue.

Then there were consultations between the parents of these people and they would be left to their own devices and under the circumstances it was deemed best that they should be left alone.

So they went to the home of the Rev. Alexander Mathewson of the East End Baptist Church, and there the ceremony was performed. As they had both attended this church all their lives this seemed entirely proper.

Young West came up in the Adams Street court today. He was a handsome, well-developed boy, and asked that he be discharged. The Magistrate said that if the parents of the girl were willing he would grant his request, and the case was put over for one week.

The boy said he would surely have his father and mother-in-law on hand.

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One of Them Her Chum, Who Was with Her on the Day of the Murder.

The net of evidence seems to be tightening around Florence Burns, charged with the murder of Walter Brooks in the Glen Island Hotel. The District Attorney's office announced to-day several highly important discoveries.

They have learned the identity of the two couples alleged to have accompanied Brooks and the Burns girl to the hotel on the night of the murder.

They can lay their hands on them whenever they want them. They have also found the girl who was with Miss Burns when she called several times at Brooks's office on the afternoon of the day the crime was committed.

This girl is considered by the District Attorney as the trump card in the case of the prosecution. She will not be used in the preliminary examination, as the District Attorney considers that he has enough evidence to indict without using this young woman.

At the time of the murder it was known that there was another woman with Florence Burns when she first went to Brooks's office that fatal afternoon.

This girl and Miss Burns went to Brooks's office together early in the afternoon. When they found Brooks was out they went away. A little later the other girl came back alone. Brooks was still out.

She went away and a half hour later the two once more returned to find the man for whom they were looking still not returned. The next time Florence Burns went to the office she was alone. Naturally, a girl who was with Florence Burns under these circumstances would be expected to know a good deal of what was going on in her mind. She undoubtedly talked with her chum.

It could not be learned how the District Attorney's office found out who were the companions of Brooks at the hotel. The two other couples mentioned as "W. T. Johnson and wife" and "Mr. Dean and wife."

A most exhaustive search has been made for these four persons for two weeks, and it now seems to have been arranged.

It is said that the men as well as the women are known. One of the women is asserted, lives in Jersey City, but no clue as to the identity of the others has been dropped by the District Attorney's office.

## MR. DOG-FINDER WANTS NO REWARD.

RETURNS VANDERBILT DOG AND DISAPPEARS.

Remarkable Man Brings Joy to a House Saddened by Loss of Pet.

A truly remarkable man found Albert Vanderbilt's lost dog, which was advertised for this morning. What makes the man remarkable is the fact that when he returned the dog he did not ask for the reward, nor did he leave his name. Mr. Vanderbilt would like to see the man.

The dog in question is a full-grown Irish setter, the best dog blood in the world, and was stolen from a groom yesterday and escaped into Central Park.

The remarkable man aforesaid found the animal at Fifth avenue and Sixty-fourth street and took him home. He read in the papers this morning that Mr. Vanderbilt had lost a dog. Immediately he began to show that he was remarkable.

He did not want to see if the owner of the dog would raise the reward, he took the animal right down to Mr. Vanderbilt's house and turned him over to the groom. And while the groom was absent notifying Mr. Vanderbilt of the recovery of the dog the man disappeared.

Truly a remarkable man.

## SOLDIERS IN WRECK.

Eight Men of Twenty-second Infantry Hurt in Smash Up.

OMAHA, Neb., March 11.—Eight soldiers were injured, several of them seriously, when a train wreck occurred here today, being sidetracked and one of the coaches was derailed and overturned.

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